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NEWSLETTER – 14 Autumn 2011

16th December 2011

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We hope everyone enjoys the holidays coming up and has a restful break. We would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone Happy New Year as this will be our last newsletter of 2011. We look forward to seeing you back on **Thursday 5th January 2012**.

Christmas Performances

Well done to all the children and the staff for fabulous Christmas Performances this week.

Christmas Charity

This year we will be supporting the Neonatal unit at St Peters Hospital, Chertsey. Some of you may be aware that this is where Miss Oldman had her second baby, Jake. Baby Jake was born by emergency c section a few weeks early and he needed a considerable amount of support when he was born. Baby Jake is now at home with his family and we are all grateful for the wonderful care he received. We have been collecting after each of the Christmas Performances this week or you may make a donation at the Office.

External and Teacher Led Clubs for Spring Term

Teacher led clubs are now full. Please contact the external clubs directly for more information and to book your child a place.

Amendment to Spring Lunch Menu 2012

Unfortunately a printing error has been made with the dates for Week One of the Spring Menu 2012. The correct dates should read week commencing 2nd January, 30th January and 5th March only

Forthcoming Dates

Mon 19 Dec	KS1/EY Christmas parties
Tues 20 Dec	Mufti Day (children can wear their own clothes, the donation is optional and no child will be excluded from taking part) Flying Pizza Company entertainment for KS1 (PLEASE PAY YOUR CONTRIBUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE) Last Day of term (normal finishing time of 3.30pm)

Strand Toddler Playgroup – Mondays in term time 9am – 11 am

Friends Coffee Mornings- Tuesday after drop off, in the Community Room

Second Hand Uniform Sale- Apologies for the cancellation of the school uniform sale today. This was due to inclement weather.

Junior News - Daring Mr Dienn Doing Bungee and is Looking for Sponsors!

Mr Dienn is doing a bungee jump. He is planning to bungee By the O2 Arena on this Sunday, 18th December! All funds he raises will go to supporting the trips and events we organize as they are in danger of being lost as our budget shrinks and families are further squeezed in the current economic climate. If you would like to sponsor him please pop along to the Junior office and make your pledge.

Spring Term

Please note Spring Term starts on **Thursday 5th January**. The school is closed to children on Wednesday 4th January as it is staff INSET day. We look forward to seeing you all in January.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Some of you will already be aware that Ofsted make judgements on our attendance and absence statistics. This is because **the more a child attends school, the better they will achieve**. We continue to require children to attend every day, unless they are sick. Term time holiday leave will not be authorised.

As a school we strive for 100% attendance at all times. Each week we will report our weekly attendance figures for each full time class and our school as a whole.

This week's attendance

Turquoise	98.57%	Blue	98.67%	Orange	92.41%
Pink	96.55%	Yellow	96.67%	Green	94.92%
Lime	96.92%	Purple	98.28%	Red	89.67%

Whole School Attendance: 5 September 2011 to date 96.09%

Poor attendance is a limiting judgement in an Ofsted Inspection ie. Poor attendance from your child could mean the school receives a lower judgement even if other areas of provision are outstanding.